Levy of tax on British Indian cars entering Travancore territory.

47. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether cars registered in British India entering into Travancore pay tax similar to that paid by cars from Travancore before entering British Indian territories ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : No.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether it is possible for us to tax British Indian cars when they enter Travancore territory ?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar : It is not impossible.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai : May I know from the member whether it is not advisable for the Government—

President : That is asking for opinion.

Visits of the Excise Commissioner to Cochin on official business.

48. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many times a year has the Excise Commissioner to go to Cochin in connection with official business ;

(*b*) the number of times he has gone to Cochin on busienss in 1108 and in 1109 up to the end of Idavom ;

(*c*) the amount of T. A. he got for each trip to Cochin and back ;

(*d*) how many times he has gone on inspection tour to North Travancore during 1108 and in 1109 up to the end of Idavom; and

(*e*) whether such tours are arranged along with the programme of visits to Cochin or whether they are undertaken separately ; and if undertaken separately, whether there are any special reasons in doing so ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) It is not possible to state the exact number of times the Excise Commissioner has to go to Cochin on official business. That will depend upon the number of meetings of the Cochin Port Conservancy Board held in each year.

(*b*) 10 times in 1108 and 9 times in 1109 up to the end of Idavom.

(*c*) The information is not available, as trips are not always undertaken merely to Cochin and back and as travelling allowance is not calculated separately for such trips.

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